Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/705,997, filed 11/03/2000 by Gregory E. Sancoff et al. for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING MULTIPLE SUTURES (Attorney's Docket No. ONUX-6), which in turn claims benefit of prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/163,680, filed 11/05/1999 by Gregory E. Sancoff, John T. Rice and Frederic P. Field. The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of this continuation application.

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